

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 4 and 6 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A lid for a container, the lid comprising a body portion with a generally planar surface and a downwardly projecting perimeter portion, the body portion comprising a resiliently deformable portion located between two non-deformable portions such that ~~which~~ when the resiliently deformable portion is deformed, ~~reduces~~ the length of the perimeter of the lid is reduced so as to enable the lid to be disengaged from the container without the use of a tool and the perimeter portion comprising a groove for engagement with a corresponding projection provided around the opening of the container.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A lid as claimed in claim 1, further comprising recesses either side of the resiliently deformable portion to form finger grips ~~arranged~~ to enable a user to deform the resiliently deformable portion.

5. (Previously Presented) A lid as claimed in claim 1, wherein said resiliently deformable portion is integrally formed with the remainder of the lid by bi-injection molding.

6. (Currently Amended)) A lid as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a locking member which, in the locked position, extends across the resiliently deformable portion and is arranged selectively to prevent disengagement of the lid.

7. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 6, wherein the locking member comprises a catch which when engaged prevents said resiliently deformable portion from deforming.

8. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 7, wherein the catch when engaged applies a biasing force to said resiliently deformable portion so as to oppose said deformation.

9. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 7, wherein the catch is integrally formed with said lid.

10. (Previously Presented) A lid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the body portion comprises polypropylene.

11. (Previously Presented) A lid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resiliently deformable portion is formed from an elastomeric material.

12. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diameter of the lid is less than 250mm.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a resilient seal around the perimeter.

15. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 14, wherein the resilient seal is formed of the same material as the resiliently deformable portion and is moulded integrally therewith.

16. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 7, wherein the catch is hinged to the lid and when engaged lies substantially flush thereto.

17. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 7, which is adapted to be engaged with the opening of a container with the catch engaged.

18. (Previously Presented) A lid as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of lateral projections provided on the perimeter to assist in securing the lid to a container.

19. (Previously Presented) A lid as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one indentation in the resiliently deformable portion on the perimeter portion of the lid so as to direct the resiliently deformable portion radially inward when deformed.

20. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lid is coupled to a corresponding container, the lid being engaged with the container so as to provide a sealed vessel.

21. (Previously Presented) A lid as claimed in claim 20, wherein the lid and container are adapted for holding paint, varnish, or wood preservatives.

22. (Original) A lid for a container comprising a body and a peripheral elastomeric seal, wherein the seal and body are moulded together by bi-injection moulding, the seal being formed by elastomeric material that is connected via a plurality of flow paths through the body to an injection point.

23. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 22, wherein the body comprises an elastomeric deformable portion for facilitating removal of the lid from a container, the elastomeric deformable seal and the deformable portion being integrally moulded and being connected by the flow paths.

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24. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 22, wherein the injection point is located generally centrally on the lid and the flow paths radiate outwardly therefrom.

25. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 22, wherein the flow paths are on the underside of the lid.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) A lid as claimed in claim 18, wherein the lateral projections are latches or retaining bead extensions.